

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2004.

No claims are amended, claims 15-18 and 27-28 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-14, 19-26, 29 and 30 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 15-18 and 27-28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmidt (U.S. 6,278,481) in view of Zhou et al. (U.S. 5,909,026). In the present response Applicant has cancelled claims 15-18 and 27-28 without prejudice, thus the objection is answered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14, 19-26, and 29-30 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the remaining claims have been indicated to be in condition for allowance and Applicant earnestly requested that allowed claims 1-14, 19-26, 29 and 30 be passed to issue. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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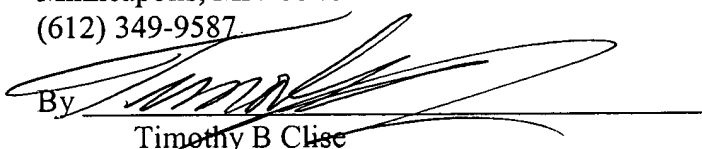
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